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1. AT RETURN BANQUET AUGUST 25 IN HONOR OF FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA, THE SECRETARY MADE THE FOLLOWING TOAST:

MR. MINISTER AND MADAME HUANG:

CHINESE AND AMERICAN FRIENDS:

I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG AND HIS COLLEAGUES TONIGHT. THIS DINNER IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE ACCORDED UNCLASSIFIED

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US DURING THE PAST FOUR DAYS. I MIGHT MENTION THAT RESPONSIBLE PERSONS FROM THE VARIOUS PLACES WE HAVE VISITED HAVE DONE MUCH TO MAKE OUR VISIT A SUCCESS. SOME OF THEM ARE HERE TONIGHT AND WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO THEM OUR THANKS FOR THEIR HELP.

I WILL REPORT TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON MY RETURN

HOME THAT THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD VISIT. IN MY
MEETINGS WITH CHAIRMAN HUA, VICE PREMIER TENG AND
FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG WE HAVE HAD A VERY SERIOUS
AND CANDID EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES,
GLOBAL AND BILATERAL. I BELIEVE WE HAVE ENHANCED
OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIRMED IMPORTANT
POINTS OF COMMON INTEREST.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP I MADE CLEAR THAT THE STARTING POINT OF OUR POLICY IS THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND TO PROGRESS TOWARD THE GOAL OF FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE AND MY COLLEAGUES I WISH TO THANK OUR HOSTS AND TO OFFER A TOAST

- -- TO THE HEALTH OF CHAIRMAN HUA
- -- TO THE HEALTH OF MINISTER HUANG AND MRS. HUANG
- --TO CONTINUED AND STRENGTHENED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES. GANBEI. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG RESPONDED WITH THE FOLLOWING TOAST:

MR. SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE,

AMERICAN GUESTS,

COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MR. VANCE AND HIS PARTY WILL CONCLUDE THEIR VISIT TO CHINA TOMORROW. ON BEHALF OF MY CHINESE COLLEAGUES PRESENT, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO MR. VANCE FOR GIVING THIS BANQUET TO ENTERTAIN US BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

IN THESE FEW SHORT DAYS, OUR TWO SIDES HELD MANY TALKS ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. ESPECIALLY, DURING THIS PERIOD, CHAIRMAN AND PREMIER HUA KUOFENG AND VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING MET SEPARATELY WITH MR. VANCE AND HAD EARNEST AND SIGNIFICANT

CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM. SUCH DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN CHINESE AND U.S. LEADERS TO ENHANCE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS OF BENEFIT TO BOTH SIDES.

AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT, CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS, OUR TWO SIDES HAVE DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES, AND NATURALLY THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE BETWEEN US, BUT IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OUR TWO COUNTRIES FACE QUESTIONS OF COMMON CONCERN AND HAVE QUITE A FEW POINTS IN COMMON. WE BELIEVE THAT SINO-U.S. RELATIONS WILL SURELY MOVE FORWARD STEADILY AS DESIRED BY BOTH OUR PEOPLES SO LONG AS BOTH SIDES MAKE SINCERE EFFORTS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCI-UNCLASSIFIED

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PLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

THE ARRIVAL OF MR. AND MRS. VANCE AND THEIR PARTY IN PEKING COINCIDED WITH OUR PEOPLE'S ENTHIS-IASTIC PARADES TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT SUCCESS OF THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA. WE BELIEVE OUR AMERICAN GUESTS WILL SEE THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE, FULL OF ZEST, ARE DETERMINED TO ADVANCE COURAGEOUSLY AND SEIZE NEW GREAT VICTORIES IN SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND SOCIALIST CONTRUCTION ALONG THE CORRECT ORIENTA-TION POINTED OUT BY OUR GREAT LEADER AND TEACHER CHAIRMAN MAO AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY OUR WISE LEADER CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG. ON THE EVE OF MR. VANCE'S DEPARTURE FROM OUR COUNTRY, ALLOW ME ONCE AGAIN TO CONVEY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S BEST WISHES FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

NOW, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES,

TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER,

TO THE HEALTH OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. VANCE.

TO THE HEALTH OF ALL AMERICAN GUESTS AND TO THE HEALTH OF THE CHINESE COMRADES PRESENT HERE*
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